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CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 JUNE 1992

ARGENTINA: COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE TERRITORIAL APPLICATION BY THE
UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND IN RESPECT OF
FALKLAND ISLANDS (MALVINAS)¹

The Secretary-General of the United Nations, acting in his capacity as depositary,
communicates the following:

The above action was effected on 22 July 2016.

(Original: English and Spanish)

“Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honor to address you, in your capacity as depositary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, in order to refer to the note sent to you by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on 29 June 2016 regarding the attempt of that country to apply the Convention to the Malvinas Islands.

The Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas, are integral part of the national territory of the Argentine Republic and, being illegitimately occupied by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, are subject to a sovereignty dispute recognized by the United Nations and other international fora and organizations.

The illegitimate occupation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland led the United Nations General Assembly to adopt resolutions 2065 (XX), 3169 (XXVIII), 31/49, 37/9, 38/12, 39/6, 40/21, 41/40, 42/19 and 43/25, in which it recognized the existence of a sovereignty dispute regarding the question of the Malvinas islands and calls on the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations with a view to finding, as soon as possible, a peaceful, just and lasting solution to the dispute. The United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization has made repeated statements to the same effect, the most recently by means of the resolution adopted on 23 June 2016.

¹ Refer to depositary notification C.N.457.2016.TREATIES-XXVII.8 of 29 June 2016 (Territorial application in respect of Falkland Islands: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

Therefore, the Argentine Republic objects and rejects the attempt of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to apply the Convention on Biological Diversity to the Malvinas Islands.

The Argentine Republic recalls that the Convention, adopted in Rio de Janeiro on 5 June 1992, is applicable to the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands because they are integral part of the territory of the Argentine Republic, as a result of the ratification made by the Argentine Government on 22 November 1994.

The Argentine Republic reaffirms its sovereignty rights over the Malvinas, South Georgias and South Sandwich Islands and the surrounding maritime areas.

The Argentine Republic should be grateful if you, acting as a depositary of the Convention, would register this statement, notify the Parties and Contracting Parties and distribute it as document of the Organization among its Member States.”

29 July 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and a horizontal line at the bottom.

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